हैं उसमें भी भिन्नता मालूम पड़ रही है। इसलिए मुझे आभास हो रहा है कि अभी इसकी पूरी जानकारी नहीं हो पा रही है कि पदोन्नति के संबंध में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है। क्योंकि जो लिखित उत्तर इन्होंने दिया है, उसमें इन्होंने कहा है कि हमने लोक सेवा आयोग को लिख दिया है और लोक सेवा आयोग उसमें कुछ करने को कह रहा है, अधिसूचित करने को कह रहा है। फिर इन्होंने उत्तर दिया है कि 26 मंत्रालयों का उत्तर आया है, सात का नहीं आया, इसलिए हमें कठिनाई हो रही है। फिर इन्होंने कहा कि हमने ला डिपोर्टमेंट को रेफर कर दिया है वहां से आएगा। मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने 1986 में एक निर्णय दिया और उस निर्णय के आधार पर आपने पदोन्नति करने का काम प्रारम्भ कर दिया था और अक्तूबर, 1993 में डी०पी०सी० बैठी थी। डी०पी०सी० अक्तूबर, 1993 में बैठी, आज तक 10 महीने हो गये हैं लेकिन उनका निर्णय क्यों नहीं दिया गया?

श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो: आपने दोनों सवालों को मिला दिया। यह अलग सवाल है और दूसरा अलग सवाल है। एक काडर रिव्यु के बारे में है और दूसरा प्रोमोशन के बारे में है। दोनों को मिला कर आपने पूछा लेकिन मैं आपको एक-एक करके दोनों का जवाब दे दूंगा। पहले मैंने बताया है कि काडर रिव्यु होगा। उस में कोई हिच नहीं है लेकिन पैसा भी न बढ़े और स्टाफ स्ट्रेंथ भी न बढ़े। उसके बारे में हम काडर रिव्यु कर रहे हैं। मैंने आपको बताया कि 26 के बारे में और यह बताया कि सात का रिप्लाई आना बाकी है। उसी में पहला हो गया। सेकेंड जो प्रोमोशन के बारे में सवाल किया, सेकेंड क्वेश्चन के उत्तर है कि उसमें कोर्ट का डिसिज़न नहीं हुआ है। कोर्ट केसेज की वजह से प्रोमोशंस में रुकावट आई है। उसके बाद अभी कोर्ट केस का का जो बारबार.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

Now, Papers to be laid on the Table.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ECGC Entrusted with settling claims of Iraqi dues

*383. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) has been entrusted with the task of settling the claims of projects, exporters and banks which have to receive dues from Iraq which are covered by ECGC policies;

(b) if so, what are the details of outstanding amount under the Indo-Iraq agreement and the amount for the projects which are not covered by the agreement;

(c) the manner in which the claims will be settled; and

(d) the liabilities taken up by Government in settling the claims for Iraqi dues during the current and subsequent years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total dues of Indian construction project exporters who executed projects in Iraq covered under the Indo-Iraq Govt. to Govt. Deferred Payment Arrangement (DPA) aggregate to US $ 488.587 Million (Rs. 1534 crores). Apart from this, outstandings of the order of US $ 153.31 (Rs. 481 crores) exist in respect of projects which are not covered under the DPA.

(c) and (d) ECGC will settle claims of project exporters and banks under the construction work policies and counter guarantees for the amounts of claims under the Deferred Payment Arrangements with Government of Iraq partly in cash and balance by way of bonds guaranteed by Govt. of India. Amount of claims as settled above, would go first towards liquidation of foreign currency loans of companies, where

applicable. Further amounts of claims would go towards liquidation of rupee loan of companies, where applicable. Amount of claims in case of companies who have no outstanding borrowing or whose borrowings are less than claim amounts would go to respective exporters. RBI will issue bonds, as an agent of Govt. of India, in favour of EXIM bank/commercial banks towards unadjusted loan liabilities of project exporters and in favour of project exporters who have excess receivables over borrowing. Government would also settle claims under the counter guarantees issued to bank on behalf of public sector construction companies.

Implementing PDS and anti-hoarding drive

*386. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently given direction to implement PDS and anti-hoarding drive in the country effectively;

(b) if so, whether the directives of the Central Government are ignored by the State Governments; and

(c) the mechanism Government propose to evolve for enforcing anti-hoarding drive throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Prime Minister emphasises from time to time efficient implementation.

(b) and (c) The operational responsibility for implementing the Public Distribution System (PDS) is that of the State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations. State Governments and UT Administrations have been delegated powers under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, for taking action against unscrupulous elements indulging in hoarding of essential commodities and other violations of the provisions and Control Orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Implementation of the PDS and enforcement of the Essential Commodities Act are reviewed from time to time with the State Governments. It is not correct to say that all State Governments ignore the advice of the Central Government. Many State Governments are reporting action taken under the Essential Commodities Act to the Central Government periodically.

Central Government does not have any separate machinery for enforcement of the provisions of Essential Commodities Act. Officers and staff of the Food and Civil Supplies Departments in the State Governments and UT Administrations undertake inspections and raids as part of their functions to enforce provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and Control Orders issued thereunder. State Governments/UT Administrations are advised to undertake special drives for anti-hoarding whenever it is felt that availability and prices of any essential commodity are adversely affected due to speculative hoarding by unscrupulous elements.

Central Government advises the State Governments/UT Administrations in this regard from time to time through letters and through meetings to review the enforcement of the provisions of Essential Commodities Act.